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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRCT

Public Services – Andhra Pradesh Forest Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly karvetinagar Range under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Imposing a punishment of "5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years, besides recovery of Rs.2,88,485/- (i.e.,the principal amount of Rs.2,69,612/- + 2% interest 18,873/-)" against the Charged Officer – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.46 **Dated:14.07.2022**

Read the following:

1)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Letter Ref.No.16127/2010/K1, dated 16.02.2014.
2)Memo.No.1394/For.IV/A1/2014, EFS & T (For.IV) Department, dated 05.11.2014.
3) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, Letter Ref.No.16127/2010/A&DC-1, dated 25.05.2018.
4)Letter.No.1394/For.IV/A1/2014, EFS & T (For.IV) Department, dated 31.07.2018.
5)From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.498/DC&C/2018, dated 07.10.2020.
6)Memo.No.1394/For.IV/A1/2014, EFS & T (For.IV) Department, dated 02.02.2021.
7)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, Letter Ref.No.16127/2010/A&DC-1 (i), dated 17.08.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has informed that the following Articles of Charges were issued to Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer, Karvetinagar Range of Chittoor (East) Division by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in Ref.No.11146/2005/PXR3, dated 19.04.2006 under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

Article–I:-"Sri P. Nageswara Rao, the then Forest Range Officer, Karvetinagar Range while functioning as Forest Range Officer has neglected duty in bringing out the facts to the notice of the Divisional Forest Officer".

Article-II:- "While functioning in the aforesaid office, Sri P. Nageswara Rao, the then Forest Range Officer has allowed misappropriation of government funds to a tune of Rs.4,52,797/-".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Articles of Charges and submitted his explanation on 24.03.2008. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad appointed the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapur as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Chittoor (E) Division as Presenting in Proc.No.11146/2005/PXR-3 (i & ii), dated 11.01.2007, for conducting the regular inquiry.

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3. The Inquiry Officer and the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapur has completed the inquiry and submitted findings in Rc.No.1302/2005/M2, dated 29.05.2010, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that Charge-I is held not proved and Charge–II is held proved.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Rc.No.16127/2010/K5, dated 27.07.2010, for submission of further defense. The Charged Officer acknolwdged the final notice and submitted his further defense statement on 09.09.2010, wherein he did not put forth any new points.

5. The Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2006. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. The Governmnt have examined the issue and it has been provisionally decided to impose a punishment of "5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years, besides recovery of Rs.2,69,612/-", against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly Karvetinagar Range, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Memo., 2nd read above, a Show-cause Notice has been issued to Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.). In the letter 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has informed that the Charged Officer acknolwedged the Show-cause Notice on 06.01.2015 but did not submit his further defense statement.

7. In the letter 4th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been requested to obtain and communicate the concurrence of the Commission on the proposed punishment, for taking further action in the matter.

8. In the letter 5th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has stated that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose the punishment of "5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years", against Sri P. Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) and advised to recover the amount of Rs.2,88,485/- (i.e., the principal amount of Rs.2,69,612/- + 2% interest 18,873/-)".

9. The Government have examined the issue and it has been provisionally decided to impose a punishment of "5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years, besides recovery of Rs.2,88,485/- (i.e., the principal amount of Rs.2,69,612/- + 2% interest 18,873/-)", against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly Karvetinagar Range, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Memo., 6th read above, a revised Show-cause Notice has been issued to Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.). In the letter 7th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has informed that the Charged Officer acknolwedged the Show-cause Notice on 03.06.2021 but did not submit his further defense statement.

10. After careful examination of the entire matter, the Government hereby order to impose a punishment of "5% (five percent) cut in pension for a

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period of two (2) years, besides recovery of Rs.2,88,485/- (i.e., the principal amount of Rs.2,69,612/- + 2% interest as per Clause 4(d) of Article 300 of A.P. Financial Code Volume-I inserted vide G.O.Ms.No.33, Finance (TFR.I) Department, dt.09.02.2006 is Rs.18,873/-)", against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly karvetinagar Range, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly karvetinagar Range (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur)
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur. (w.e)

Copy to:

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The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The OSD to M (Energy, EFS & T, Mines & Geology)
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS & T Department.
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